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MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,  
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
Art Unit: 2651  
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### AMENDMENT D

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: